UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

In the Matter of the Appointment of a United States Magistrate Judge for the Middle District of Florida

CASE NO. 8:17-mc-80-T-23

ORDER

Under 28 U.S.C. § 631(b)(5) and the policies of the Judicial Conference of the United States, a merit selection panel is established to consider applications for a magistrate judge in Tampa, Florida. The panel is effective July 7, 2017, and comprises:

Joseph Swanson (chair)
Yolanda Fernandez (layperson)
LaKisha Kinsey-Sallis (lawyer)
Christopher F. Murray (lawyer)
Adam Nate (lawyer)
Nicole Deese Newlon (lawyer)
Nancy S. Paikoff (lawyer)
Chris A. Roederer (layperson)
Jennifer Vasquez (lawyer)

The panel must review each application and may interview an applicant as the panel determines. No later than October 12, 2017, the panel must recommend to the district judges the five applicants whom the panel considers best qualified. From among the five applicants, the district court will select and appoint the new magistrate judge. A July 7, 2017 letter notifies each panel member of Section 420.30.20(d), *Guide to Judiciary Policy*, the one-year restriction on a panel member's applying for a magistrate judgeship.

The Clerk of Court must publish notice of the vacancy and must assist the panel as needed.

STEVEN D. MERRYDAY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE